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IN RE THE APPLICATION OF

Adrian Sparks

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FOR: Load Sharing Nodes in a Network
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136, the applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month to respond to the Final Office Action of June 14, 2004. Response will therefore be timely if filed with the Patent and Trademark Office no later than December 14, 2004 in view of the Advisory Action of November 18, 2004.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.17, the required fee of \$110 is attached hereto.

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